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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Takashi MUNAKATA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9237  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to  
the Office Action dated June 3, 2003.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.



No additional fee is required.



Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	8	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00



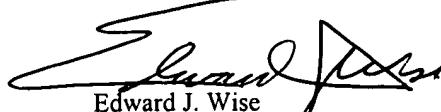
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Respectfully submitted,

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